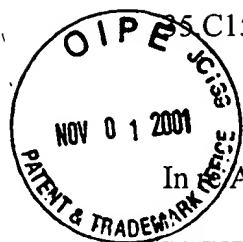


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:)

RYUJI KATSURAGI, ET AL.)

Application No.: 09/779,647)

Filed: February 9, 2001)

For: METHOD OF REDUCING)
KOGATION OF HEATER OF)
INK-JET RECORDING HEAD,)
INK-JET RECORDING METHOD, :
INK-JET RECORDING)
APPARATUS, RECORDING :
UNIT AND METHOD OF)
PROLONGING SERVICE LIFE :
OF RECORDING HEAD)

Examiner: M. Brooke

Group Art Unit: 2853

October 31, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO
ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species I, wherein the ink contains diglycollic acid or diglycollates, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants submit that Claims 1-21 read on the elected species.

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